



The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce  
**The International Writing Program**  
**For Young Writers at the University of Iowa**  
**June 21 – July 05, 2014**

**Application Deadline: February 18, 2014**

**Purpose:**

Between the Lines is a component of the International Writing Program (IWP) that brings young writers, aged 16-19, to the University of Iowa for creative writing study and cultural interaction.

**Program:**

During this program in the U.S., the selected participants will take part in creative writing workshops, seminars on literary topics, cultural visits, and local events.

**Award:**

The program covers the full cost of this cultural and creative exchange, including international airfare, per diem and other costs associated with students' stay in the U.S.

**Eligibility:**

Talented young writers, between age 16-19 years, who show promise to become future literary figures in their respective countries and in their own native languages.

- Applicants must be proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing and speaking);
- Past experience in creative writing both in English and Arabic;
- Ready to develop and share new writing techniques.

**Required Application Documents:**

- A writing sample of 6-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in Arabic.
- A writing sample of 6-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in English.
- A brief one-paragraph statement of purpose in English describing why writing is important to your life, and what you hope to learn at BTL.
- A writing sample of 2-5 pages of prose and/or poetry in either language in response to one of the following writing prompts:
  - "One day, you (or your main character) sit down at your kitchen table only to find that there is someone already there. Who is sitting across from you? Why are they there?" Write a short story or poem.
  - Write a story or poem inspired by the following statement: "Searching for love is good, but finding love when you weren't looking for it is better."

School essays and other non-fiction writing will not be accepted.

**Please e-mail applications to**  
**[TunisExchanges@state.gov](mailto:TunisExchanges@state.gov) no later**  
**than February 18, 2014**

For further more information, please visit the following website:  
<http://iwp.uiowa.edu/programs/between-the-lines>